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SOUTH DAKOTA SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION: RECORD YIELDS IN 2004

SIOUX FALLS, September 30, 2004 – South Dakota's 2004 wheat production is up 11 percent from 2003's production levels due to higher yields. Spring wheat, oats and barley enjoyed record setting yields, with spring wheat and oats having beating the previous records set just last year. This is according to year end estimates compiled and released by USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service.

All wheat production, at 128.61 million bushels in 2004, is up 9 percent from last year. The all wheat yield is 46.0 bushels, up 3.7 bushels from last year and a record high average wheat yield for South Dakota. Harvested acres, at 2.80 million, are unchanged from 2003. Planted acres, at 3.27 million, are up 6 percent from a year earlier.

Winter wheat production this year, at 56.25 million bushels, is down 9 percent from last year's production. Yield, at 45 bushels per acre, is 2 bushels above last year and is the second highest yield in the state's history. Harvested acres, at 1.25 million, are 13 percent below the 2003 level. Planted acres, at 1.65 million, are equal to a year ago, but are reduced 50,000 acres from earlier estimates.

Durum wheat production, at 450,000 bushels, is 28 percent below last year's production. Yield, at 25 bushels per acre, is up 2 bushels from last year. Planted acres totaled 20,000 this year, with 18,000 acres harvested.

Other spring wheat production, at 71.9 million bushels, is up 28 percent from last year's production. Yield, at 47 bushels per acre, is up 5 bushels from last year's state record. Producers harvested 1.53 million acres, up 14 percent from 2003. Planted acres, at 1.60 million, are also up 14 percent from last year.

Oat production in 2004, at 13.94 million bushels, is 11 percent below last year's production. Yield, at 82 bushels, is 14 bushels above last year's state record. Harvested acres, at 170,000, are down 26 percent from 2003. Planted acres, at 380,000, are down 10 percent from last year.

Barley production totaled 3.15 million bushels, 8 percent above last year. The 63 bushel per acre yield is 10 bushels above last year and sets a new state record by 8 bushels. Harvested acres, at 50,000, are down 9 percent from 2003. Planted acres, at 70,000, are down 7 percent from last year.

Rye production, at 649,000 bushels, is down 3 percent from last year's production of 672,000 bushels. Yield, at 59 bushels, is 11 bushels above last year's state record. Planted acres totaled 20,000, while 11,000 acres were harvested.

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